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In re Application of: )  
KIYOSHI UMEDA ) Examiner: S. Rogers  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 05-301380  
Japan 10-304179  
Japan 11-268352

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 2000-402710. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated October 22, 2004 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for the non-English documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts.

See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	JP	05-301380	11/16/93	Japan			Abstract
	JP	10-304179	11/13/98	Japan			Abstract
	JP	11-268352	10/05/99	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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